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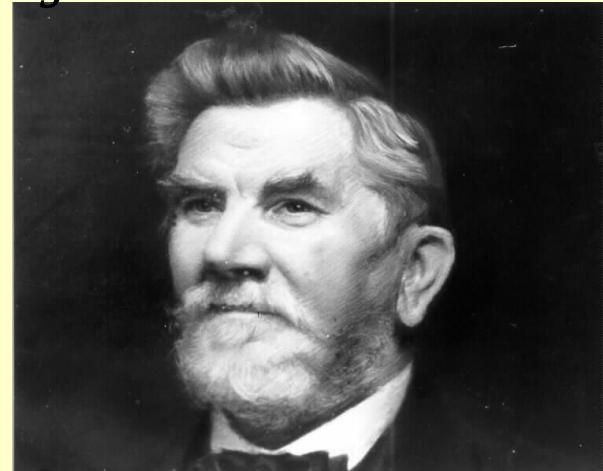
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But there was a Public Library across the Market that opened in 1855



*Its first
Librarian was
John Pink*



For 50 years Pink collected 'Every Scrap' relating to Cambridgeshire. It was displayed around the Reading Room



But postwar this 'Cambridgeshire Collection was hidden from view, largely unsorted and forgotten





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*There were hundreds of books, each chapter was
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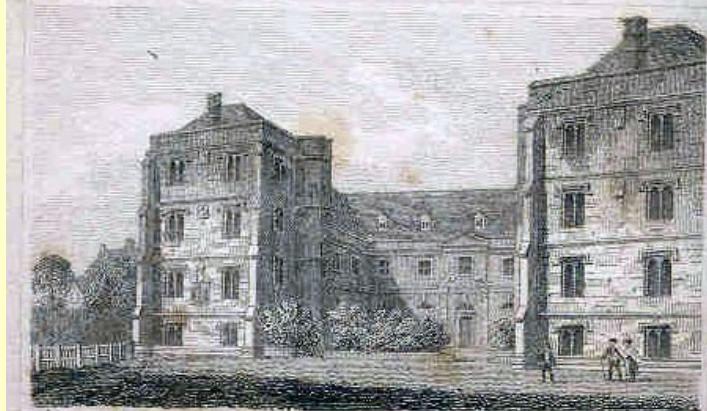


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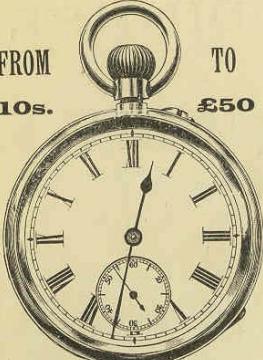
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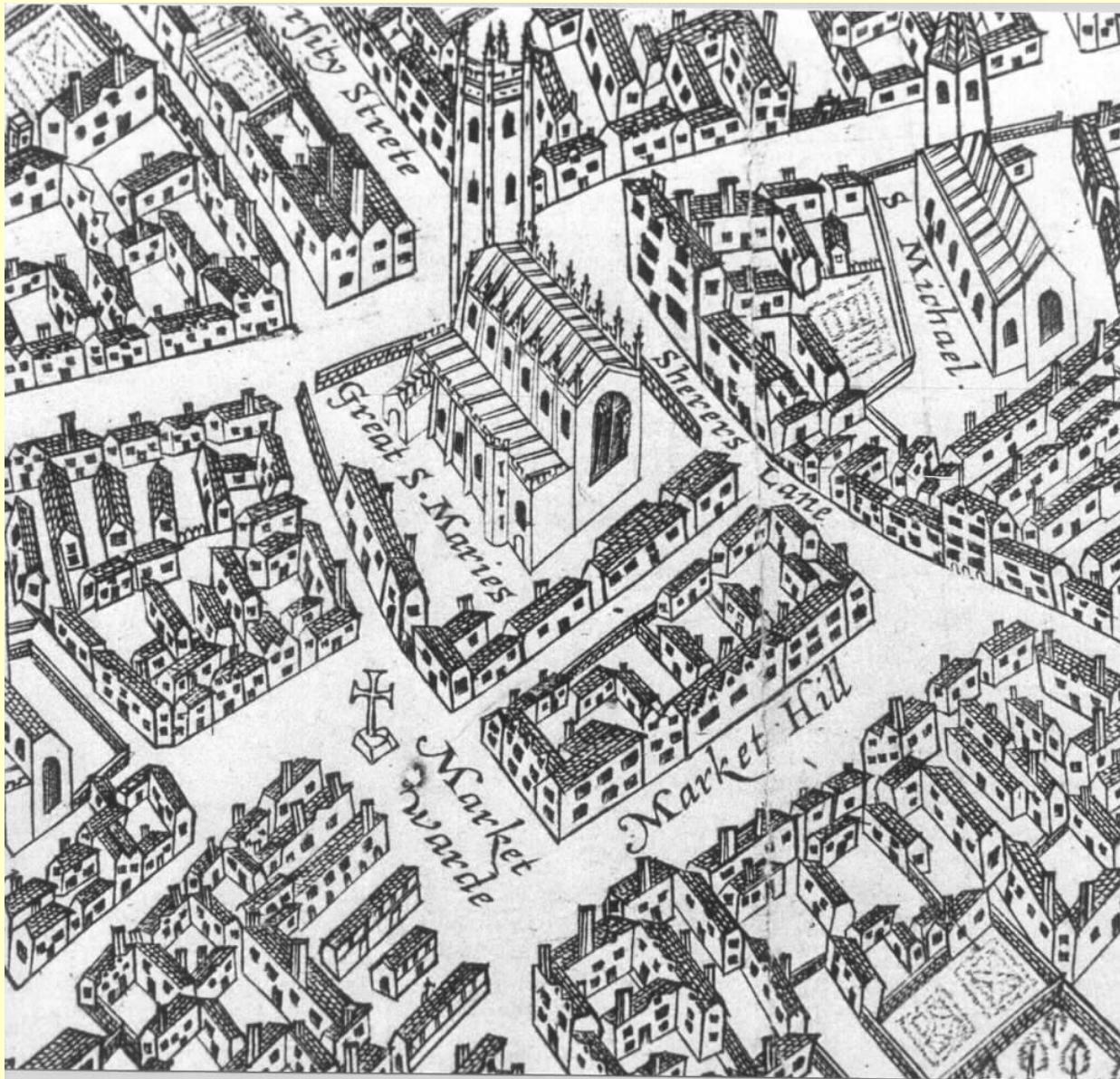
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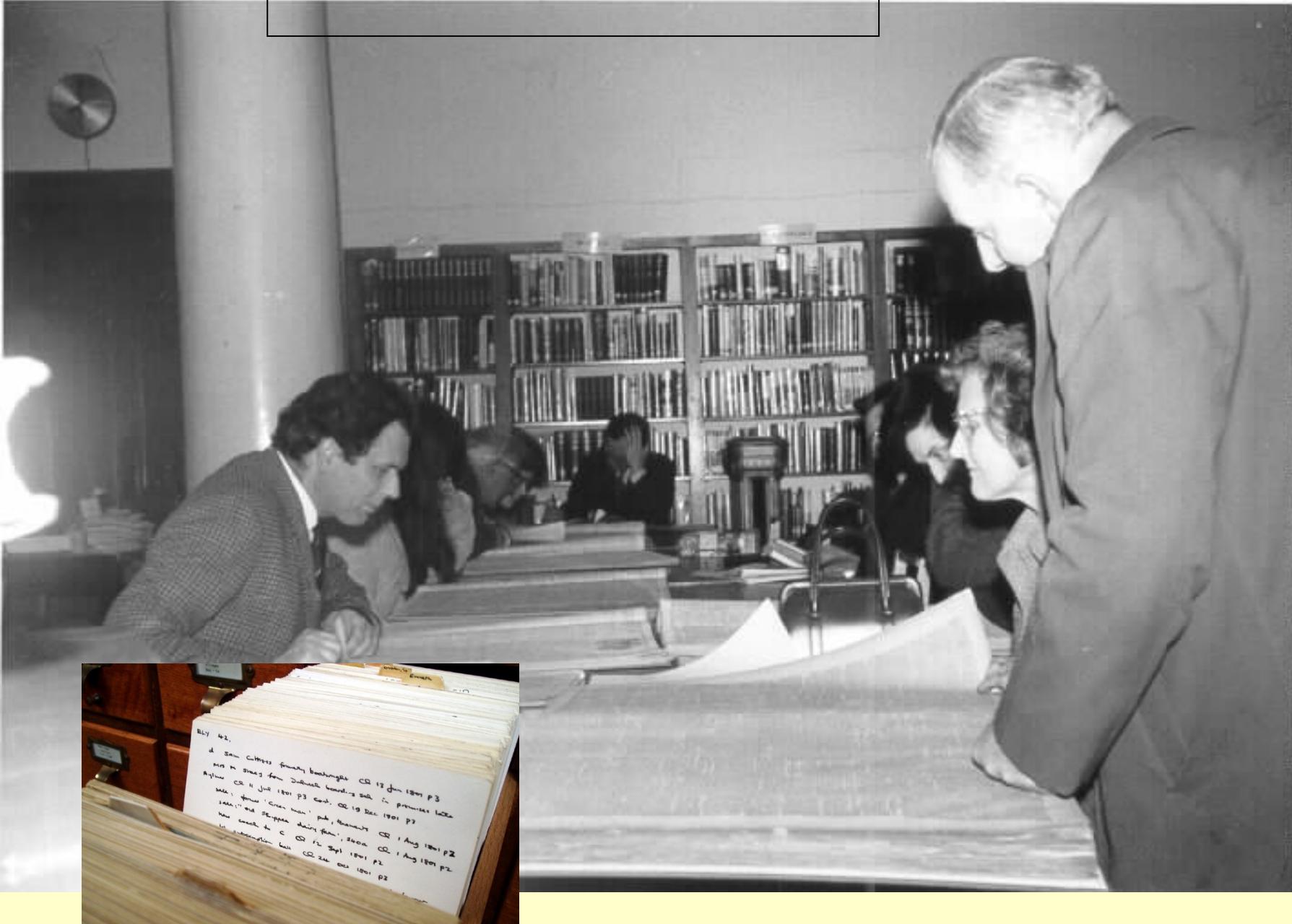
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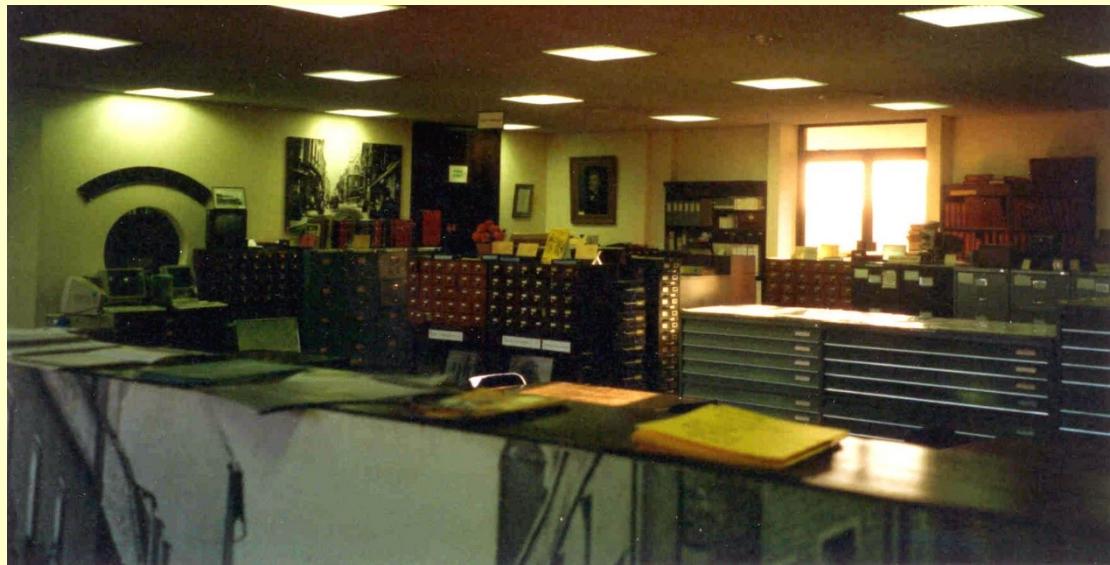


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In 1975 the Collection moved into a suite of rooms in the new Central Library with specialist staff



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New technology was introduced - word processors and scanners



It was used by thousands of researchers, from Emeritus professors to schoolchildren - often sharing the same table





Today things are different: the Cambridgeshire Collection is housed in a secure, fire-proof, archival store. But there is a smaller search room with little space to display its treasurers



There is not even space for all its catalogues and indexes. The main book catalogue has - in part - been digitised and must be searched online - readers now have to be computer-literate to use a library



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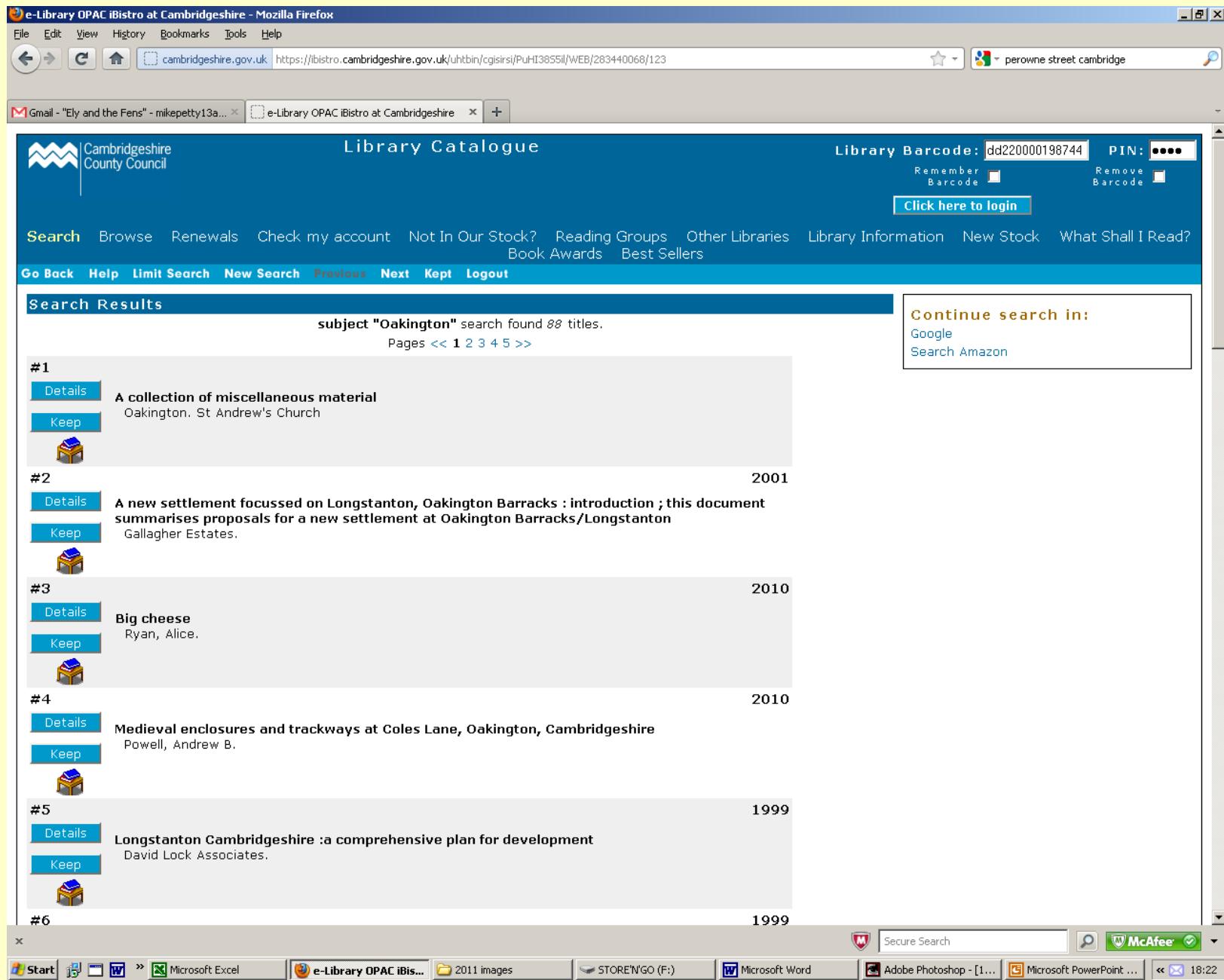
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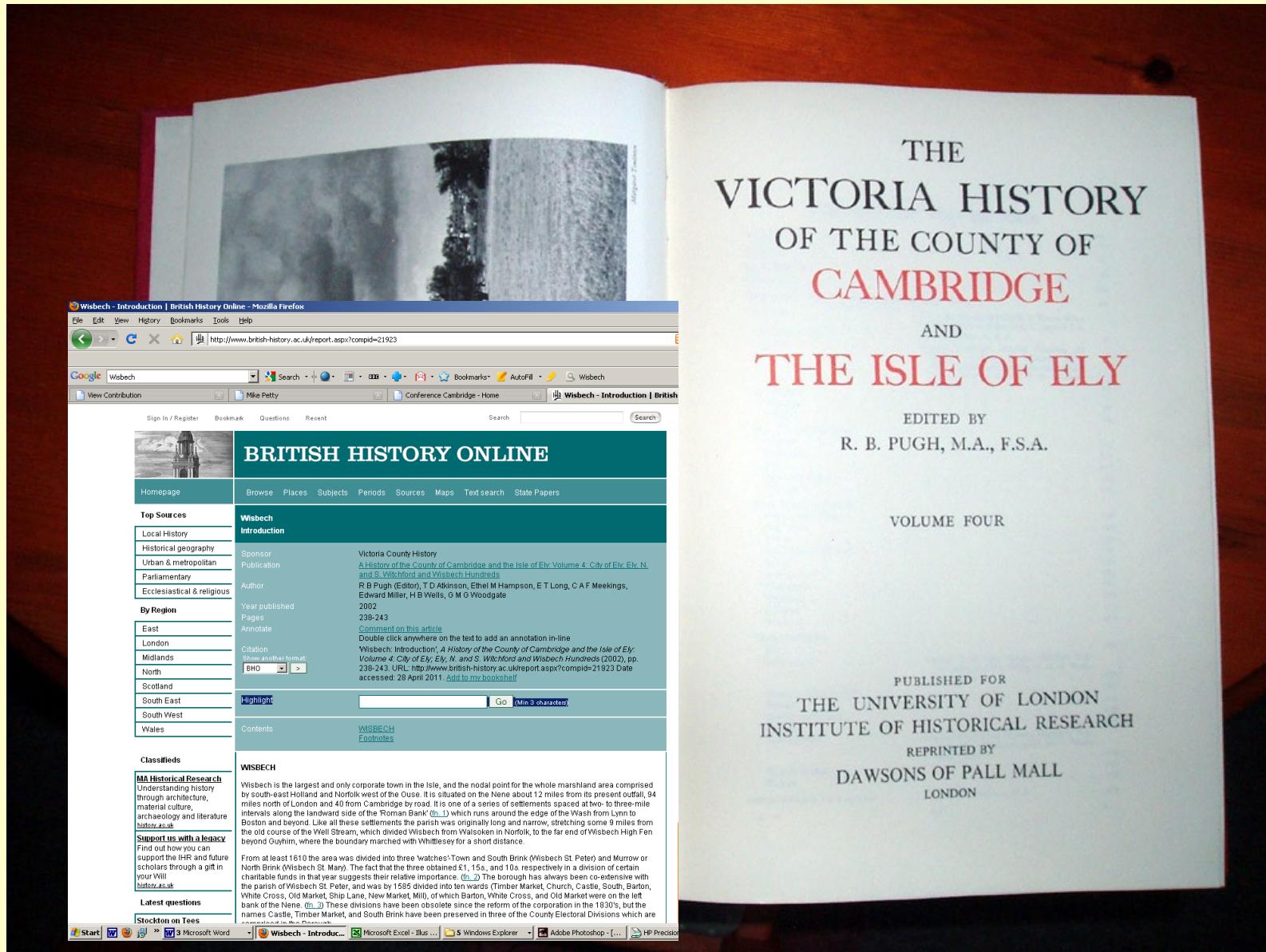
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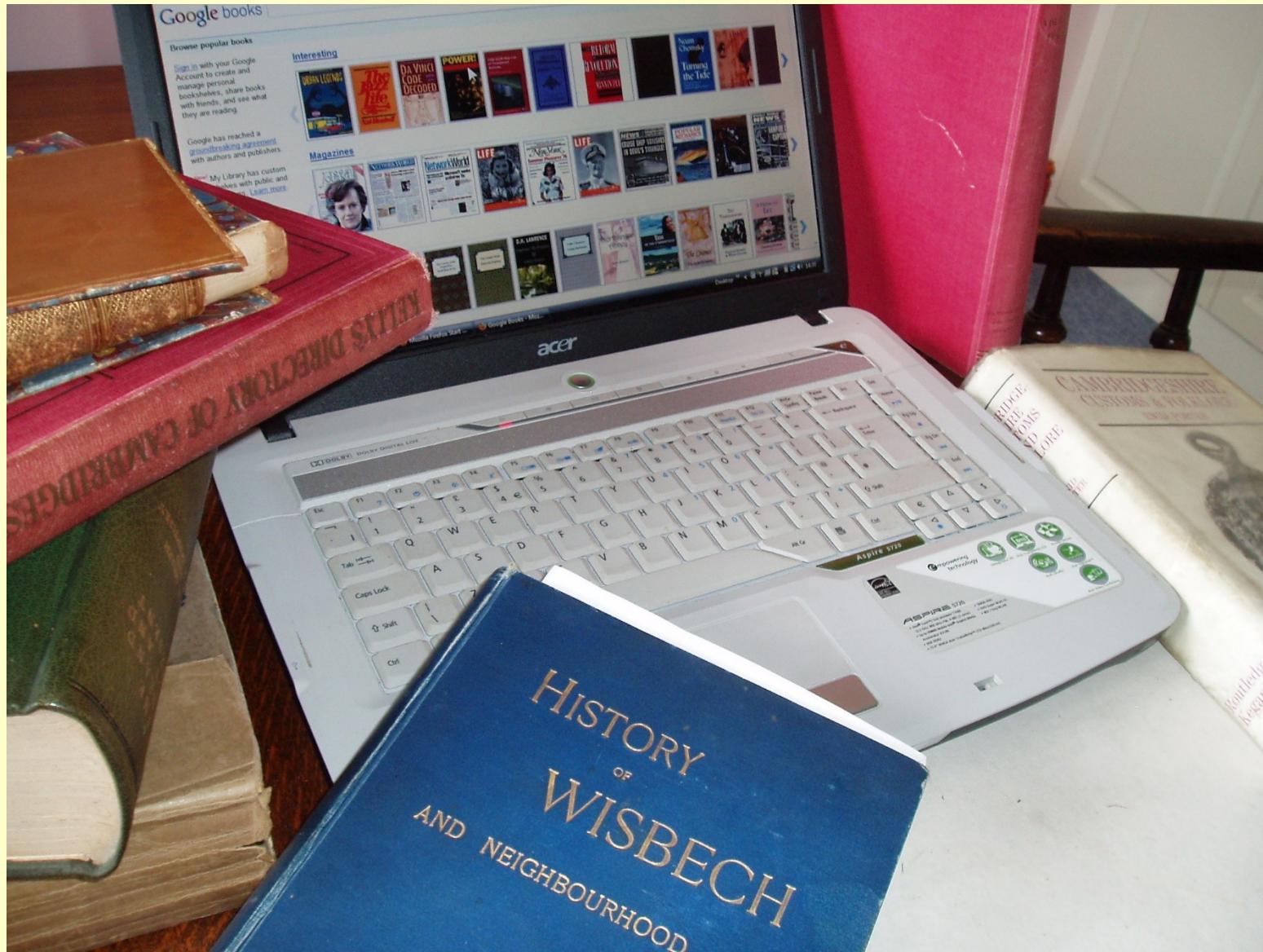
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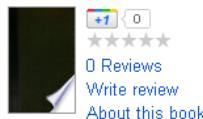
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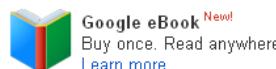
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The Village of Oakington is neat but irregularly formed, and contains some good residences. It is situate about 4 miles N.W. from Cambridge. The Cambridge and St. Ives railway passes on the eastern side of the parish, and there is a station for Oakington and its neighbourhood near the village. A remarkable instance of contemporary longevity occurs in the history of this parish in the year 1815, when there were living at the same time, one person of 120 years of age, two who were upwards of 100, and two others upwards of 90, as appears from the proceedings in a tithe cause recorded in the register of Crowland abbey.

The Church, dedicated to St. Andrew, is a handsome structure, consisting of a nave, side-aisles, chancel, and tower, containing four bells. The edifice was extensively repaired, in 1843, at an expence of about £900., which sum was raised partly by subscription, and partly by a mortgage on the church lands. The font is supposed to be of the 12th century. The living is a *vicarage*, in the deanery of Chesterton, valued in the K.B. at £4. 13s. 1½d., but now returned at £199 nett per annum. The patronage is vested in Queen's college, and the Rev. George Whittaker, M.A., is the present vicar. The tithes were commuted in 1834, for land. There are about 22 acres of land in this parish, the appropriation of the rent of which has for some time been in dispute, owing to the deed of gift not being found. It is supposed to be left to the church and town, but it has lately been appropriated to the church. The *Vicarage-house* is a good brick building, near the church.

The Baptist Chapel, is a small brick building, which will hold about 200 persons. Mr. Wm. Nottage, of Cottenham, is the present minister. In the church-yard of Oakington, lie buried, the three noted non-conformists, Francis Holcroft, who died on the 6th of May, 1692, Joseph Oddey, who died on the 3rd of May, 1687, and Henry Osland, who died in 1711.

The National School, with a residence for the master, was erected by subscription, in 1837: it is a neat building, both well attended and conducted. Mr. Jonn Doggett is the present master.

WESTWICK, as has been seen above, is a hamlet in this parish, though locally situated in Chesterton hundred. The *Manor* belonged to the Lisles of Ridgmont, in the reigns of Edward I. and Edward III., and afterwards for several generations to the Finchams: at a later period it was in the family of Perse, and others successively, and is now the property of William Linton, Esq., of *Westwick house*. Westwick was formerly a hamlet of Cottenham, but about 200

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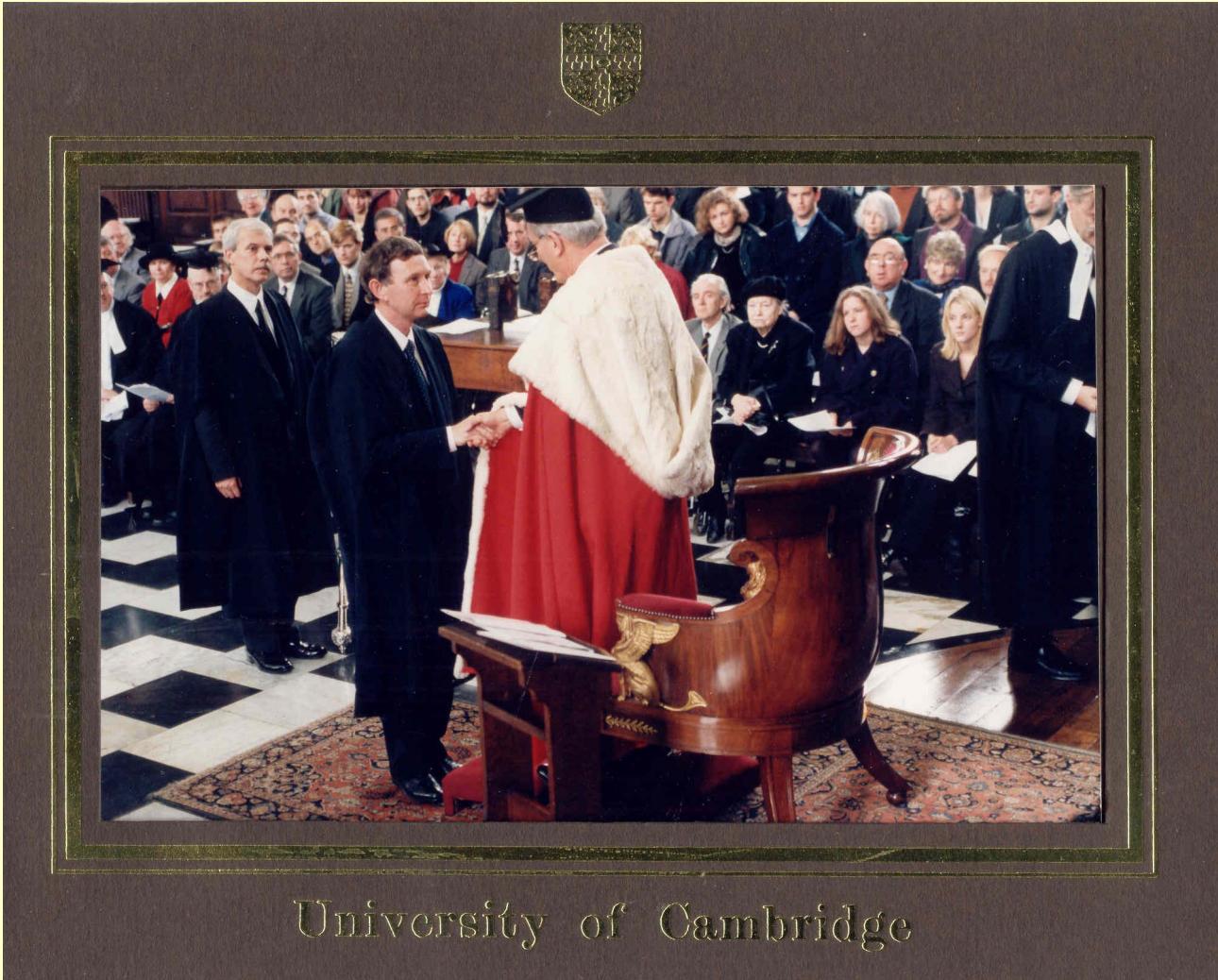
The interest and affection felt and expressed for his parishes was at all times great, but more than ever when he was laid aside; and especially for the one of which he had had the charge more than thirty years, and where he had been the honoured instrument of turning many to righteousness. When any of his family visited Oakington, he would say, "Give my love to all my dear people, poor things, and charge them to meet me in heaven—poor Oakington!" And when the one who had been there returned home, he could hardly rest until he knew all that had been said or done during the day. The first visit was always paid to his room, and, when every event had been related that he wished to hear, he would always add, "Poor things! may God bless them!"

His parishioners would often come over in the hope of seeing him, and, when they could be admitted, he would generally speak in the same strain to each. After inquiring after each child or parent as it might be, he would say, "You see I am brought very low. I had hoped to have preached and administered the sacrament to you once more; the last time I was at Oakington (Oct. 6th), I went there on purpose. I nearly died on the road; I was then prevented, and now I shall never preach to you again. Well, you must remember all I have told you in the years which are gone by, for I shall never tell you any thing more. And try to put it in practice." When answer was made, as was, thank God, frequently the case, "I hope I do," or "O sir, I owe every thing to you," he would continue, "Thank God—hold it fast, and follow on to know more; press forwards. Yet a little while, and he that shall come will come. Remember me to all my dear people, they must pray for me. We shall meet to part no more." But these interviews generally affected him so sensibly, that it was not deemed prudent to allow many of them; after the persons had left, he would sigh very often, and say with great emotion, "Poor things! Well, the Lord will provide for them also, and there I must leave it."

He was, from the peculiar character of the disease under which he laboured, "in death's oft." Few can have any conception of the intense agony he underwent; but even in these bitter sufferings he was calm, patient, and submissive. On one occasion, Dec. 1, he exclaimed, "My dear, dear children, my dear, dear wife, what shall I do? Lord help me! Submissive to thy will, my God. O Fawcett!" turning to his kind and ever attentive and affectionate medical friend, "what should I do if I had my religion to learn now, at this hour, in this extremity? I could wish, for the sake of my dear children and my people, to live a little longer, but I can leave it. I have no anxiety either of mind, body, or estate—there is nothing that troubles me." Sweet words and consoling assurances these, spoken in those tender and soothing and affectionate tones of voice so peculiarly his, at a season when the whole frame was racked with pain, when the countenance betrayed the anguish he was then enduring; but even then the eye was beaming with that love which is not of earth, the mind was at peace stayed on Jesus, and there was that holy anticipation of the crown of righteousness for which he had fought manfully as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. He was free from the cares and anxieties, with reference to those whom he should leave behind, which too fre-

* From "Memorial of the rev. T. Webster. London, Suddes, 1840." We knew and highly respected the late Mr. Webster. We were just preparing a letter to invite from him a contribution to

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96. The employment of women and children in gangs, by both common gangmasters and by the farmers, prevails to a very great extent over the whole of the northern portion of this county, which comprises the Isle of Ely, and in those parishes which lie between the Isle of Ely and Newmarket. The Isle of Ely, with the exception of a tract of high land on the south-west, consists almost entirely of low fen land under tillage. The labouring population by which it is cultivated are located for the most part in large towns or villages about seven or eight miles distant from each other; a few cottages only being distributed about the fen.

97. March contains a population of 5,455, consisting principally of agricultural labourers, who are employed on the surrounding fen farms to a distance of three or four miles. It appears from the return sent to the Commission that there were nine gangmasters in this town, and that 388 children and women were working either under these men or in detached parties during the summer of the present year.

98. The gang system as it prevailed at March 20 years back is thus described by a witness who formerly farmed in this neighbourhood:—"When I lived about four miles from March I used to send overnight to a ganger, and he would bring as many hands as I wanted. They had to come about four miles to my farm. They used to go six or seven miles to my father's land. These children used to gather on March bridge 500 or 600 at a time, and then go off in all directions with their gangers. I have had 60 on my farm for days and weeks together." (Evid. 32.)

99. These gangs sometimes comprise as many as 30 persons now; but they are more generally divided into smaller parties of 12 to 15. Children begin to join them at 7 years of age. Boys work in them up to 15, and girls up to 18 and 19 years of age. (Evid. 240.) Women above this age are generally employed separately by the farmer. These gangworkers are employed on the farms round the town to a distance of five miles. Sometimes they go six miles to work. One witness says, "My little girl of 10 has been working four miles off this week. Last summer they went for days and days to Peartree Station and Friday Bridge, near Wisbech; that is six miles from March bridge. (Evid. 243.)

100. The length of time during which the children are thus occupied appears from the evidence of the mistress of the girls' charity school:—"The number of girls attending this school in the winter is about 140. At the end of February or the beginning of March the children begin to leave for field work. At the present time (May) we have only 45 out of the whole number. They are either children who are too small to go to work or of a better class. The children who have gone will not come back until after the potato picking is over; that will be about the beginning of November." (Evid. 242.) I met with the same testimony here as elsewhere as to the effects of gangwork on the character of those employed in it. (Evid. 238, 239.)

101. Doddington is a scattered village about four miles from March, containing a population of 2,290. There were seven gangmasters, employing 222 women and children, in this parish during the summer of the present year.

102. Benwick is a comparatively small village lying between Doddington and Ramsey in Huntingdonshire, with a population of 773, out of which no less than 65 children between 7 and 18 are employed in gangs. These gangs are here called "running" gangs. They were employed at distances ranging up to five miles from home. Their work begins in March and lasts to the middle of November. (Evid. 247.)

103. The town of Chatteris has a population of 4,731. I was informed that between 300 and 400 persons were at work in gangs from this town at the time of my visit. (Evid. 249, 250.) There are only three gangmasters in this town, but the system of letting out children to farmers at $\frac{1}{2}d$. per head per day in addition to the children's wages is carried on to a great extent by these gangmasters. Two of these gangmasters have from 150 to 200 children attached to them during the summer. "Every morning in the summer time about 100 to 130 children and women will be at the ganger's house at about 6.30. They will then divide their children into lots or sections and marshal them off to

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Mould threat to county's heritage

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PART of Cambridgeshire's heritage is at risk, the News can reveal.

Storage facilities for the Cambridgeshire Archives at Shire Hall in Cambridge have been condemned as unfit.

Inspectors from the National Archives found damp, condensation and mould in the area where some of the ancient material is kept.

The archives include documents, maps and other records about the county, some of them hundreds of years old.

In a report about their inspection, the National Archives team said Cambridgeshire County Council had succeeded in making a considerable number of improvements to the county archives service, including upgrading the public search room and making "effective use" of council storage facilities at Cottenham.

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This was "greatly to the credit of the staff involved", the inspectors said.

However, their report described the accommodation as "unfit".

It said: "The accommodation places the records in your care at risk of damage and decay despite the valiant efforts of your staff to adapt to and to cope with the constraints imposed by the Shire Hall site."

The council had hoped to find a new home for the archives as part of the cb1 development in Cambridge's Station Road, but the idea fell through because of what the council described as "difficulties with the long-term financial and lease arrangements."

This summer, the council's cabinet ordered officers to step up the search

for other possible sites.

The council said that providing improved storage facilities was an urgent priority.

Commenting on the report claiming the collection was at risk, the council's director of community learning and development, Mike Hosking, said: "We have some magnificent staff providing an excellent service in less than ideal conditions.

"The council remains firmly committed to creating a new state-of-the-art historical records centre in Cambridgeshire and the search is ongoing to find a suitable site.

"In the meantime the new archive centre which is being created as part of the construction of the new library in Huntingdon will vastly improve facilities."

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TUESDAY afternoon, the members, friends, and subscribers of the above chapel, held a meeting to celebrate the opening of a new Vestry Library, which about 200 of them sat down and took tea in the school-room which was attached. After tea they repaired to the chapel, when an address was delivered by the Rev. T. Souter, minister of the cause, upon the importance of cultivating the mind, and storing it with useful knowledge. He then exhibited a set of diagrams of the human body, upon which he intends to deliver a course of lectures to his Young Men's Bible Class. An address was then delivered by Mr. Oakley, and a pair of beautiful globes, by Maitly, were presented by him, in the name of the people, to the Rev. T. Souter, as a testimonial of their great regard and estimation of his services in the Gospel among them. After being duly acknowledged, and speeches by Messrs. Oakley and Simpson, two anthems were then sung, and the people separated highly satisfied.

A very interesting game of Cricket was played at Melford, on the 25th ult., between the Melford and Buxford Clubs, which was decided by the first innings in favour of the former.

MELFORD.

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Wm. Alston, b. Henslow	6	c. Freeman	12
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A. C. Green, b. Henslow	1	b. Parsons	4
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Rev. G. Faulkner, b. Parsons	0	c. Green	1
Rev. John Westhorne, c. Smith	0	b. Polye	11
Mr. W. H. Henslow	2	...	7
S. Westhorne, not out	2	...	7
J. J. Steed, b. Parsons	3	...	10
S. Hichol, run out	0	...	6
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MILDENHALL.

On Saturday night, about eleven o'clock, a fire broke out at Icklingham, and promises belonging to the Rev. Daniel Gwilt, and in the possession of Mr. Thomas Womack, and before it was extinguished, a barn, partly filled with straw, and a hullock shed were

The election of the Margaret Professor of Divinity, in the University of Cambridge, which, it is said, took place on Friday. The voting papers were filled up with various names, and at one time, there were as many as seven candidates nominated. These, however, were finally reduced to three. The Rev. William Selwyn, Prebendary of Ely, of St. John's; the Rev. Edward Harold Bouverie, of Gonville and Caius, Professor of Divinity; and Rev. H. John Rose, Rector of Houghton Conquest, Beds, of St. John's. On Saturday, there were found to be—Mr. Selwyn, 43; Mr. Brown, 43; Rose, 17. The casting vote thus remained in the hands of the Vice-Chancellor (Dr. Guest, Master of Caius College) and he cast it in favour of Mr. Selwyn. Soon after the result had been declared, the Master of Trinity, who was present, said, that the casting vote was required under the rules of the University, and that the Vice-Chancellor's vote, which preceded the casting vote, was not valid. The Professorship, founded bearing the highest name of Cosyn, Erasmus, Williams, and others, and the documents attaching to it are Professorial, Ecclesiastical, and Civil. The sum of all, about £2000, is to be expended in the maintenance of the Professorship, and to this division it is Selwyn and Mr. Brown, after the rate of 500/- per annum.

The following were all M.A., M.A., Balliol, O. M.A., Trinity, Dublin; and M.A., Trinity, Dublin.

By order in Council, dated June 26th inst., it is directed that no burial-ground shall be opened in the borough of Cambridge, and that burials shall be discontinued in the said borough, after the 7th day of July next.

The Burial-ground, which is situated in the town, will be closed on Thursday, the 28th inst., at twelve o'clock. The former building was formerly the meeting-house of the Society of Friends. The library now amounts to 1500 volumes; and from 120 to 150 persons could find accommodation comfortably. A place is also provided where mechanics may have a wash before entering the room.

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Wedding brings patriotic fling

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The bunting was out and champagne corks popped as Sarah Ferguson and the new Duke of York tied the Royal Knot. Everyone from Brownies to Cambridge office workers were in the mood for a patriotic fling. At Addenbrooke's Hospital there was a festive air as celebrations started in every ward and elsewhere dances and even a mock wedding reception were the order of the day.

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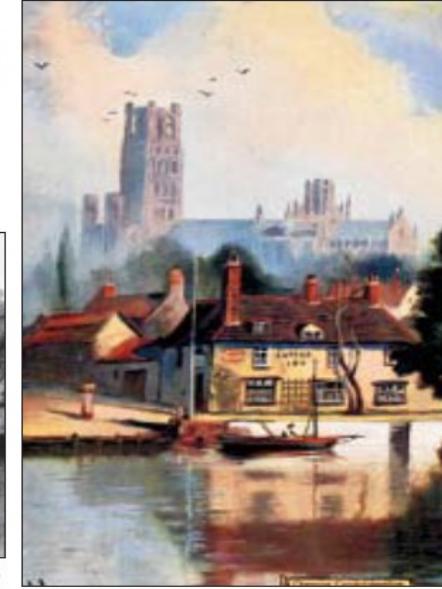
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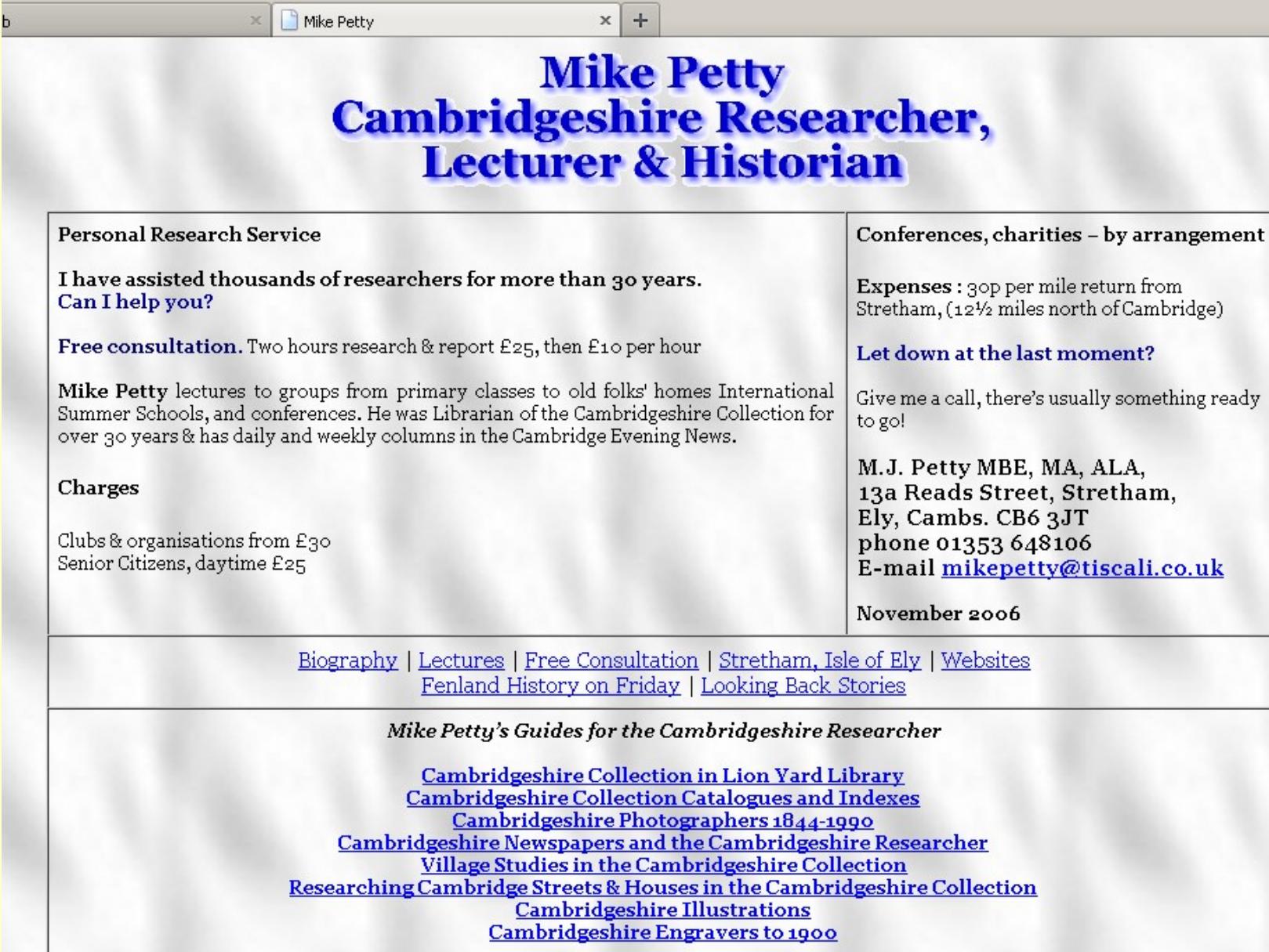


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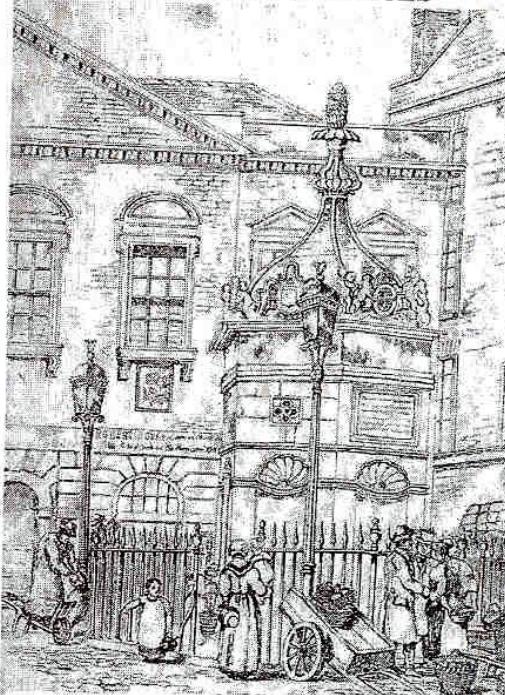
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On February 26th, the national social science fund key program "The History of China Archives" opening feasibility study meeting was held at room 209 of SIRM. Vice-chancellor of Renmin University, Feng Huiling, Dean of SIRM Zhao Guojun and other leaders of the school attended the meeting. Vice-chairman of Chinese Society of the Forbidden City, primary assistant Curator of First Historical Archives of China, Tai Guojing, Niu Chuangping, Qinghai Province Archives, First Historical Archives of China, took apart in the meeting.



The meeting was held by associate professor Liang Jihong from SIRM. In the morning, the Dean of SIRM, Zhao Guojun addressed the opening speech and showed the support of SIRM on the program. Vice-chancellor of the university, Feng Huiling then gave a speech. She pointed out that the program was very important on the culture construction of China, the strength of the Archives base. She encouraged the members of the program carried forward the academic responsibility and the hardworking and enterprising spirit, tried their best to achieve the new research findings. Then, associate professor Liang Jihong, authorized by chief expert of the program Zhou Xueheng, reported the thesis proposal. Liang introduced the program from the background, value, framework, goal, basic components, methods, main innovations and unique features. After the introduction, Qin Guojing gave some suggestions. In the afternoon, chief expert

It has been a privilege to share these experiences with distinguished colleagues from China. Thank you.

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